

mother, River Burton, and her grandmother, Francis Harris, and taken to Honduras on March 10, 1994.

An hour after the abduction, a State District judge ordered emergency custody for her father, Roy Smith. A warrant for the arrest of Nocona's mother was issued, but charges were dropped when she returned to Texas for a trial.

Nocona, however, did not return with her. She is still in Honduras with her grandmother, and her father's attempts to implement the Hague Convention have been in vein.

Mr. Speaker, Roy Smith and his daughter Nocona have missed out on 6 years of memories that are so important to families in the development of healthy and loving relationships. We cannot allow situations like theirs to continue to happen to any other families.

Congress passed a resolution urging signatories of the Hague Convention to uphold that agreement, and we must use that as a starting point for further action.

Mr. Speaker, we have taken a step in the right direction, and it is my hope that this House will continue that work and help bring our children home.

SUDAN

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that today is National Sudan Day. Today there are activities going on in major cities across the United States focusing attention on the ongoing genocide in Sudan.

The Congress needs to make sure that everyone, especially the administration, knows about and acts upon the horrific killings, evictions, and enslaving that is going on, brought about by Sudan's Islamic fundamentalist regime.

The regime is on a deliberate campaign of genocide against the black Christians of southern Sudan. Eyewitnesses have given House and Senate testimony about slavery, torture, rape, mutilation, and killings of Christians.

Mr. Speaker, myself and other House Members have been taking action to bring this genocide into the limelight and to focus our efforts on stopping the brutality. I encourage my colleagues to continue to pressure the White House and the U.S. State Department to take an active part in stopping the genocide in Sudan and bringing the issue to the forefront of American foreign policy.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD BASKIN, AN ORIGINAL AMERICAN ARTIST

(Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity this morning to pay special tribute to an extraordinary individual from my district who passed away last week in Leeds, Massachusetts, after a lengthy illness.

Leonard Baskin was an acclaimed artist with a unique style and vision whose sculptures, woodcuts, prints, and books are celebrated throughout the world. One can find an original Baskin on display in public collections from New York to Rome.

Here in our Nation's Capitol, his remarkable skills helped recreate both the Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge memorials. Quite simply, he has been called one of the finest sculptors of our time.

Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1922, Leonard Baskin was educated at Yale University, served in the Navy, taught art at both SMITH and Hampshire Colleges, and received countless medals and awards.

Mr. Speaker, his brilliant work touched and inspired many. As we mourn his passing today, I urge the Members of this House to join me in honoring this truly American original.

DEATH TAX REPEAL

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the repeal of the death tax. I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation, and have been since I came here some 8 years ago.

Under the guise of making the rich pay their fair share, the death tax discourages savings and investment and has a negative impact on the entire economy. Ironically, those that are most affected by the death tax are not the wealthy. They have the resources to shelter assets. But family-owned businesses, which are often asset-rich and cash poor, cannot meet those requirements.

The death tax hits these businesses especially hard when the owner passes away. The result is that many family-owned businesses cannot survive in the family. Even prior to death, the death tax impacts many businesses, forcing the owners to divert money from productive uses, such as capital investment and job creation, to, guess what, estate tax planning.

So for those who are out there who would vote against the death tax repeal, please think again. They are not hurting the wealthy, they are hurting the little guy.

THE MULTI-MILLIONAIRE PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. OLVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, the so-called Death Tax Elimination Act should be called the Multi-millionaire Protection Act. It does tell America what Republican priorities really are.

Before anything else, the Republican leadership would give a huge, reckless and dangerous backloaded tax cut to only 2 percent of Americans, and more than half of the tax cut goes to the wealthiest one-tenth of 1 percent. That is right, more than half of it would be available to fewer than 60,000 families out of more than 60 million families.

Do the Republicans really believe that the Bill Gates and Steve Forbes and John Corzines need \$25 billion of tax cuts every year? Does anyone listening or watching today believe they need \$25 billion of tax cuts?

But the Republican leadership would give that multi-billion dollar tax cut before limiting class sizes to 18 for 3 million children, before establishing a prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare for 13 million American senior citizens who cannot afford the expense of insurance coverage.

It is a stunning revelation to know that the Republicans' highest priority is a huge tax cut that only benefits the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans. Vote for the substitute and against this giveaway.

TIME TO REPEAL THE DEATH TAX

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, in the Democrats' not-ending attempt to create class warfare and their obsession of hate and vengeance towards the successful in our society, they forget the small business owner or the family farmer who has to pay as much as 50 percent of their entire value of their assets when they die.

Just think about a small farm in south Georgia where, for generations, it has been passed down from generation to generation, from mom, dad, mom, dad, daughter and everything, and then the owner dies one day, and in order to pay for the farm, in order to pay for the inheritance, the kids have to sell. Then there is one more strip shopping center.

Imagine one of the many new women entrepreneurs who owns a small business and builds it up over 20 years, and then has to plan her estate. She wants to pass it to your daughter, but guess what, the Democrats do not want her to. They want that to go to Uncle Sam. What does she do? Simply dies, but on the day that she dies, the Democrat party wants her to be visited not just by the undertaker but by the IRS.

It is time to repeal the death tax.